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No. 10/111/2013-1TC/I/1387054/2026.-In supersession of Notification of Punjab Government No. 10/111/2013-ITC/830 Dated 28.07.2021, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to issue the Farm Stay Policy-2026 (herein annexed) with immediate effect and come into force from the date of issuance of this policy. All other orders, directions issued there under shall upon the commencement of this policy, save as otherwise expressly provided in this policy, stand repealed/revised. Such repeal shall not affect the operation of the incentive in respect of the claims, matters and issues pertaining to the period prior to the notification and the same shall be governed by the scheme/ policy applicable at that time for the unexpired period only.

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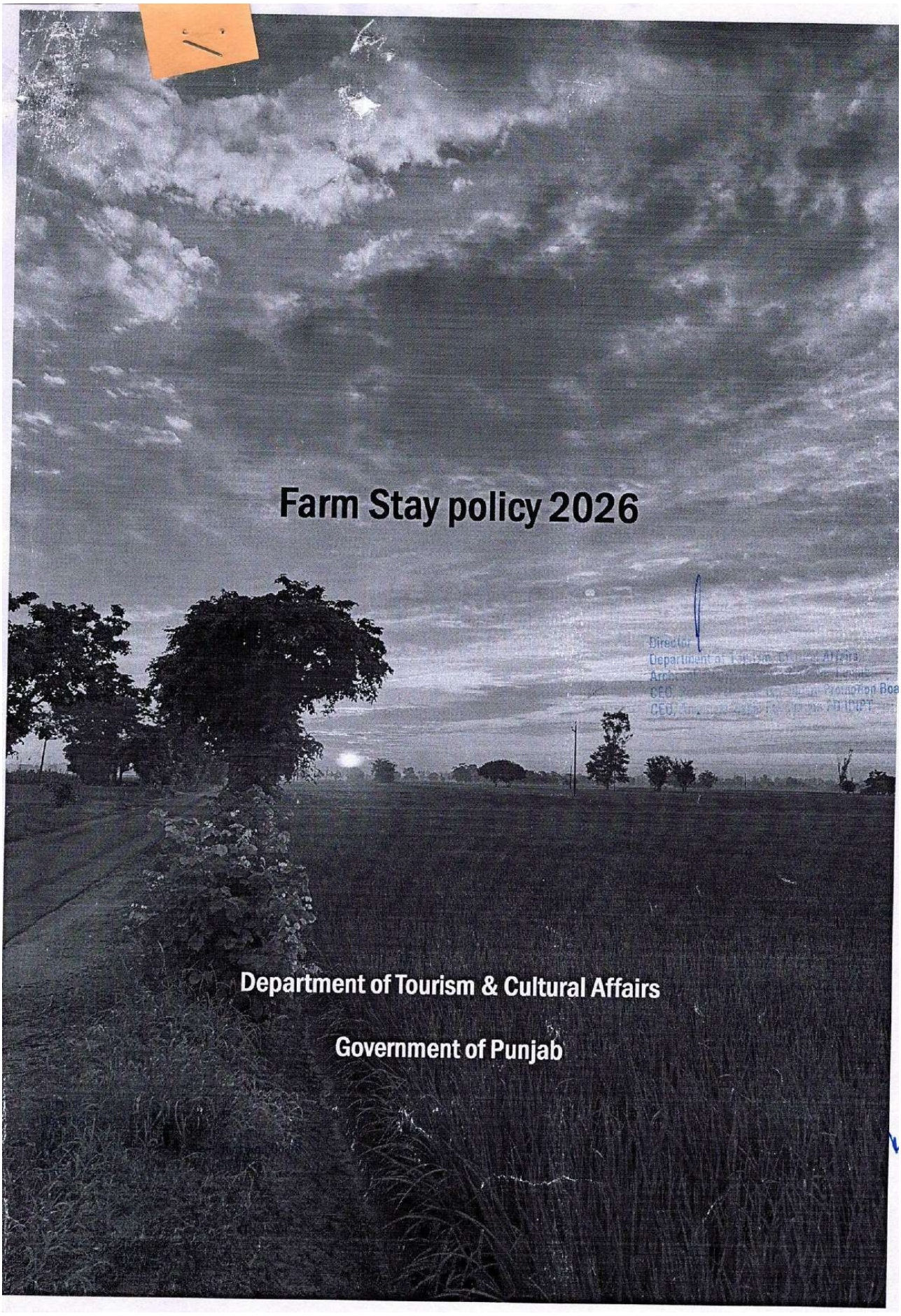
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1. Overview

The fertile plains of Punjab encompass dramatically varied travel experiences.Punjab the land of five rivers, is renowned for its hospitality and agrarian excellence, where fertile fields, living traditions, and cohesive community life offer an authentic, high-quality countryside experience to both Indian and foreign visitors.

Farm stays convert the demand into supplementary, predictable income for rural households through compliant accommodation, farm-to-table meals, experiences, and sale of farm and craft produce, expanding opportunities for women and youth and diversifying risk beyond crop cycles.

The State of Punjab has pursued the development of a robust tourism ecosystem in recent years. Pursuant to the earlier Farm Tourism Registration Scheme, notified vide No. 10/111/2013-ITC/830 dated 28.07.2021, the Government now introduces the Farm Stay Policy-2026 to further strengthen this sector. Recognizing Punjab's diverse rural experiences and its potential to offer authentic cultural immersion, the policy seeks to promote farm tourism as a viable supplementary income source for farmers. It aims to provide an enabling environment through regulatory relaxation, simplified registration, and targeted measures addressing challenges faced by farm stay units.

2. Policy Vision

2.1 Vision

To promote Farm Stays as a leading experiential tourism product of Punjab catalysing tourism growth, expanding rural entrepreneurship, and advancing community development in a safe and sustainable manner.

2.2 Mission

To provide integrated marketing& branding, ease regulatory,capacity-building, community development and skilling & training support for the development and promotion of farm stay tourism in Punjab, ensuring quality standards, safety, and sustainability.

2.3 Objective

i. To cater to the increasing demand for experiential tourism

ii. To create entrepreneurial and job opportunities

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iii. To promote sustainable, responsible and inclusive tourism through the promotion of Farm Stays

iv. To strengthen capacity building and skill development through structured training, certification, and upskilling programmes

v. To undertake regulatory reforms and streamline procedures, approvals, and compliance requirements applicable to Farm Stays

vi. To mainstream Farm Stays as an alternative and supplementary source of income for farmers.

vii. To promote rural art and craft, indigenous cuisines and gastronomy, folk performing arts and festivals, agrarian heritage and traditional rural sports.

viii. Convergence may be with agriculture, self-help groups, skill development, and other tourism schemes/ policy at Centre or State level.

3. Scope of the Policy

3.1 Policy Applicability

i. This Policy shall take effect from the date of its notification ("the Effective Date")in the Official Gazette. The Policy provisions, however, may be amended from time to time as per the need and requirement.

ii. All new and existing Farm Stay Units shall be governed by this Policy. Existing registered units shall re-register within 180 days from the Effective Date, failing which they shall stand de-registered under the scheme notified vide No. 10/111/2013-ITC/830 dated 28.07.2021.

iii. This Policy shall not be applicable to farmhouses(The term "farmhouse" as mentioned/ defined under the Notification No. G.S.R. 144/P.A.11/1995/ Ss. 180 and 43/2021, dated the 31st of August, 2021, containing the Punjab Urban Planning and Development Building Rules, 2021.and Notification No. H-U-11020/183/2025-4H1/I/1248240/2025 dated 20thNovember 2025, containing Policy for Approval/ Regularization of Low Impact Green Habitats (LIGH) in the State of Punjab, 2025 and amended time to time) or any similar development within the State of Punjab.

iv. The areas notified under section 3 of the Punjab Land Preservation Act, 1900 shall require a No-Objection Certificate/approval under sections 4 and 5 of the Punjab Land Preservation Act, 1900 prior to undertaking any activity, use, or development within such notified areas.

v. In compliance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 09.09.2005 and in pursuance of the in-principle approval of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, conveyed vide F. No. 8-19/2006-FC dated 16.03.2006 for de-listing 65,670.26 hectares of cultivated and habitation areas earlier recorded under the Punjab Land

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Preservation Act, 1900, it is mandated that no commercial activity permitted under this Policy shall commence in any such de-listed area without obtaining a No Objection Certificate (NOC) / prior approval from the Department having jurisdiction and statutory mandate to regulate such areas, as decided in the meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary, Punjab on 26.04.2010. Any directions or orders issued by the Hon'ble Courts or competent authorities in this regard from time to time shall be applicable mutatis mutandis.

3.2 Definition& Eligibility

i. "Farm Stay Unit" shall mean a property on agricultural land measuring not less than one (1) acre, providing boarding, lodging and at least 2 (two) experiential activities ancillary to accommodation, including farming, tractor/bullockcart/horse rides, fisheries, dairy, animal husbandry, farm tours, community development/ participation, Shopping facility of local & rural products or other activities as may be notified by the Department.

ii. Permissible construction shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of ground coverage, floor area ratio (FAR) of 1:0.20, 2 (two) storeys (ground plus first), and an overall height of nine (9) metres.

Note: In the case of any area as mentioned at Clauses 3.1(iv)&3.1(v) of this Policy, all construction parameters/ regulations/development norms shall be governed strictly in accordance with the No Objection Certificate (NOC) and/or approval issued by the competent Department. No construction or development activity shall be undertaken in contravention of such NOC/approval.

iii. A Farm Stay Unit may operate either as an existing residential premises with the Owner/Operator residing on-site, or as a standalone premises situated within or contiguous to agricultural land. The Unit shall offer the permissible Farm Stay activities mentioned at clause 3.2 (i) of the Policy and shall comprise a minimum of two (2) lettable rooms and not more than nine (9) lettable rooms, with a maximum capacity of eighteen (18) beds.

iv. The Establishment shall provide facilities for the preparation of cooked meals for tourists and ensure hygienic storage of food.

v. Farm Stay Units shall comply with the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime and any successor or allied indirect tax laws, as applicable from time to time.

vi. **Department** means the Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs, Government of Punjab.

vii. **Secretary** means the Administrative Secretary, the Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs, Government of Punjab.

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viii. **Director** means the Director, the Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs, Government of Punjab.

ix. **District Level Nodal Officer (s)** mean the officer/ official appointed by the Director of Tourism & Cultural Affairs, Government of Punjab, for the purposes of scrutinizing the application and establishing a communication between the Department and Applicant.

x. **Form I** mean the registration form prescribed under the clause 7.2 of the policy.

4. Policy Pillars

4.1 Ease of Doing Business

4.1.1 Simplified registration and renewal process:

i. Registration initially for 5 (five)yearsandfurther renewal for 3 years by submitting self-certificationshall be undertaken online through theFastTrack Punjab Portal.

ii. One-time Single Window approval shall suffice to commence operations, subject to applicable laws and conditions.

iii. A certificate of registration shall be issued online within twenty-one (21) working days.

iv. The Department may cancel the registration in case of complaints or violations found to be substantiated after due inquiry.

4.1.2 Regulatory Reforms

i. The Farm Stay Units shall be exempted from the payment of No objection certificate /Change of Land Use (CLU) fee.

ii. The Government shall provide a simplified procedure for Farm Stay Units to obtain No objection Certificate/ Change of Land Use permission, wherever required, through the Fasttrack Punjab Portal, as may be notified by the Competent Authority.

iii. Electricitysupply shall be charged at domestic tariff rates, subject tothe notification by the competent authorities, except area as mentioned at Clauses 3.1(iv) & 3.1(v) of this policy.

iv. The Farm Stay Unit shall be permitted to use water for drinking and domestic purposes from the existing water sources available on the premises, subject to compliance with all applicable norms and quality standards prescribed by the competent authorities.

v. No random or unscheduled inspections shall be conducted unless a written complaint is received, and any inspection arising from such complaint shall be carried out only upon approval of the Head of Department.

vi. The Government shall facilitate the introduction and rollout of Farm Stay specific credit products through Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) and State Cooperative Banks/District Central Cooperative Banks.

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vii. The Government shall promote and encourage Organic Farming and Natural Farming practices across the farm stays in the State. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Ltd. (Punjab Agro) shall serve as the Nodal Facilitation Agency for this purpose and shall, inter alia, assist and guide interested farmers in adopting approved organic/natural farming methods.

viii. Punjab Agro shall further facilitate farmers in obtaining requisite Organic Farming Certifications from accredited certification bodies, and extend necessary technical support, advisory services, and handholding to ensure compliance with prescribed standards and align with them.

4.2 Sensitization and Awareness

i. The Government shall undertake comprehensive awareness and sensitization campaigns across the State for effective dissemination of information pertaining to thepolicy.

ii. The campaigns shall be designed to educate and capacitate farmers regarding the objectives, benefits, procedures, and compliance requirements under the policy.

iii. The Government may engage/collaborate with Government agencies, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), community-based organisations, and private entities for the execution, implementation, and monitoring of the sensitization activities.

iv. The campaign includes but not limited to print media, electronic media, digital platforms, field-level demonstrations, workshops, and outreach programs, to maximise coverage and accessibility.

4.3 Capacity Building

i. The Government shall collaborate with Institutes of Hotel Management (IHMs), agricultural universities, Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, industry bodies or other accredited institutes for training and capacity building in farm stay operations.

ii. The Government shall facilitate training of at least three (3) personnel per registered farm stay (recommended by owner) to enhance operational efficiency.

iii. The Government shall establish tie-ups with relevant Government agencies for continuous upskilling and professional development.

iv. The Government shall provide necessary support for effective implementation of all training and capacity-building programmes.

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4.4 Local Community Participation

i. The Government shall encourage active community participation in local tourism initiatives.

ii. The Government shall support the creation of supply chains for local products through farm-stay networks.

iii. The Government shall promote farm stays as platforms for showcasing goods produced by local people and artisans.

iv. The Government shall facilitate market access for locally made products through community-based tourism models.

v. The Government shall strengthen rural livelihoods by integrating local production with tourism supply chains through farm stays.

4.5 Marketing, Branding and Promotion

i. The Government shall engage influencers for collective marketing and promotion of Punjab's farm-stay ecosystem.

ii. The Government shall collaborate with Online Travel Aggregators (OTAs) for targeted promotion, co-branding, standardized listings, and a State-branded Punjab Farm Stays page.

iii. The Government shall undertake promotional campaigns positioning Punjab as a farm-tourism destination aligned with State and National branding.

iv. All registered Farm Stays shall be listed and periodically updated on the official Punjab Tourism website.

v. The Government shall encourage the film and entertainment industry to incorporate registered Farm Stay Units into the storyline of films, web series, and other audiovisual content to enhance their visibility and promotion.

4.6 Environmental Protection & Waste Management

i. Farm Stay unit shall be allowed to self-certify compliance with environment laws and any other statutory/mandatory laws.

ii. Farm Stay unitsshall be inspected only on receipt of a complaint of violation, filed in writing.

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iii. In case of violation of law, these concerned authorized officers will be bound to take legal action.

iv. Farm Stay unit shall be operated so that it does not pollute soil, water bodies, or air.

v. The farm stay unit shall have at least one option either Septic tank with soak pit/leach field or Bio-digester or bio-digestion toilet or connection to a functional municipal sewer (if available).

vi. Ensure tanks are watertight, ventilated, and accessibly located for desludging.

vii. De-sludge as per need through service providers.

viii. No direct discharge of black water, grey water, untreated wastewater into open land, storm drains, irrigation channelssurface water, neighbouring land, or water bodies.

ix. The owner shall keep the property clean, odour-free, and safe for guests, staff, and wildlife.

x. Post-filtration grey water may be used for garden irrigation (non-edible plants) where feasible.

xi. Solid waste management shall be done properly by segregation at source

xii. Biodegradable waste shall be managed on-site via compost pit, vermi-compost, or bio-composter and the same compost can be used on-farm.

xiii. No open burning and dumping is allowed.

xiv. Prefer eco-friendly cleaning agents where possible.

xv. Keep wildlife-safe spaces, avoid litter, keep bins covered, and reduce night-time disturbance.

xvi. Hazardous & Special Waste such as Batteries, bulbs, tube lights, e waste, chemicals, expired medicines, paints, oils shall manage safely without burying, burning, mixing with general waste.

xvii. The Government shall encourage the farm stay units to usesustainable building materials for various constructions, rainwater harvesting solutions, water conservation solutions and sustainable solutions for any other developments to promote sustainable development.

xviii. The Government shall encourage the use of renewable &efficient energy sources and shall assist registered Farm Stay Units in adopting energy-efficient solutions, include, inter-alia, solar systems, biogas plants, and waste-to-energy installations, in coordination with the Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA).

5. Fiscal Incentives

i. The Registered Farm Stay Units shall be eligible to avail the fiscal incentives prescribed under thePunjab Tourism & Hospitality Policy, 2026 (Sectoral policy, notified vide

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Notification No. PIU/IBDP-2026/Sectoral Policies/907 dated 08thMarch 2026 by Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Punjab), as may be amended or revised by the Government of Punjab from time to time.

ii. The eligibility of Farm Stay Units to avail any incentiveshall be governed in accordance with the provisions of the Punjab Tourism & Hospitality Policy, 2026, as applicable.

iii. The following incentives can be avail from the Punjab Tourism & Hospitality Policy, 2026, as amended time to time-

a. **Capital subsidy**- Capital subsidy of up to 10% of the eligible Fixed Capital Investment (FCI), maximum INR 5 Cr, disbursed in annual eligible instalments over the eligibility period.

b. **Net State Goods & Services Tax (SGST)** - All eligible new units and existing units undertaking expansion seeking benefits under this Policy shall be eligible for investment Subsidy by way of Reimbursement of 75% of Net SGST for the eligibility period subject to the overall annual ceiling of incentives for the eligibility periodstarting from the date of commercial production.

c. **Reimbursement of Audit expenses for Energy Audit/Water Audit/ Environment Audit/Steam Audit/ Safety Audit** - Eligible Units shall be entitled to reimbursement of expenses incurred on statutory and voluntary audits aimed at improving efficiency, safety, and environmental compliance, subject to the following conditions:

   i. Reimbursement shall be provided at 75% of the actual cost incurred.

   ii. The reimbursement shall be subject to a maximum cap of INR 3 lakh per audit for each of the following Energy Audit/Water Audit/ Environment Audit/ Steam Audit/ Safety Audit.

d. **Reimbursement of expenses for Quality, Management System, and Environment Certifications** - Eligible Units shall be entitled to reimbursement of expenses incurred towards obtaining quality, management system, and environmental certifications, subject to the following conditions:

   i. Reimbursement shall be provided at 100% of the actual expenses incurred.The reimbursement shall be subject to amaximum cap of INR 20 lakh per unit.

   ii. The reimbursement may be availed forone or more eligible certifications, taken together, within the above overall cap.

e. **Digital Marketing Support**- Eligible units shall be reimbursed for 50% of the cost of onboarding on e-commerce platforms, including cataloguing and related expenses, on platforms developed by NSIC, ONDC, or other recognized similar platforms.

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f. **Assistance for Participation in Nationaland International Trade Events** – Eligible units shall be eligible for financial assistance to participate in national and international trade fairs and exhibitions for showcasing their products, subject to the following conditions:

i. Assistance shall be admissible once for each event for International/National per financial year for eligible unit.

ii. Assistance shall be limited to stall/space rental charges only.

Category of Unit	International Trade Fairs (Abroad)	National Trade Fairs/ Exhibition
MSME Units	50% of stall rent, subject to a maximum of INR 5 lakh	50% of stall rent, subject to a maximum of INR 3 lakh

Note: For the purposes of fiscal incentives, the eligibility conditions, quantum of benefits, and procedural requirements for availing such incentives shall be governed in accordance with the provisions prescribed under the Punjab Tourism & Hospitality Policy, 2026. In the event of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or conflict between this Policy and the Punjab Tourism & Hospitality Policy, 2026, the provisions contained therein shall prevail exclusively for matters pertaining to Incentive Clause 5.

6. State Annual Awards for Farm Stay Excellence

6.1. The Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs shall institute State Annual Awards to recognize outstanding Farm Stay Units across Punjab for excellence in service quality, sustainability practices, cultural preservation, and guest experience.

6.2. The Government shall notify distinct award categories from time to time, inter alia, Best Traditional Farm Stay, Best Sustainable/Organic Farm Stay, Best Community-Engaged Farm Stay, Best Emerging Farm Stay, and Innovation in Rural Hospitality.

6.3. The eligibility criteria, evaluation parameters, nomination process, and selection mechanism shall be issued separately every year by the Department through a formal notification, ensuring transparency and merit-based selection.

6.4. Awardees shall be accorded certificates, promotional support, and priority visibility in State tourism campaigns, subject to guidelines issued by the Department.

6.5. The Department may review, revise, or expand the award categories and procedures as deemed appropriate to promote excellence and innovation in the Farm Stay sector.

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7. Policy Implementation

i. The implementation of this Policy shall vest in the Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs, Government of Punjab.

ii. The Director, Tourism & Cultural Affairs or any other nominated officer by the Director, shall serve as the Nodal Officer responsible for coordination, monitoring, and facilitation of all matters arising under this Policy.

iii. The procedure of registration, renewal, documentation requirements, timelines, verification mechanisms, and any other modalitiesshall be as per Clause 8 of the Policy.

iv. Given the evolving nature of Farm Stay subject, this Policy may be amended or modified as required, with the approval of the Administrative Secretary, Tourism & Cultural Affairs, Government of Punjab. All such amendments shall take effect from the date of their notification.

v. A target-based framework shall be adopted to strengthen and scale the farmstay ecosystem at the district level.

7.1 Facilitation Cell

i. The Government shall establish a dedicated Facilitation Cell through an official notification issued by the Administrative Secretary, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs.

ii. The Facilitation Cell shall consist of three (3) members, supported by a team of experts/ a Project Implementation Unit (PIU) at the State/ District levels, to function as a single point of contact for all matters pertaining to the Farm Stay Policy.

iii. The Facilitation Cell shall be responsible for, inter alia, the following functions:

a. Understanding and interpreting the scope, objectives, and operational contours of the Policy.

b. Ensuring smooth and timely coordination among line departments and relevant stakeholders.

c. Capacity building of stakeholders at the State and District levels.

d. Facilitating the registration process and associated procedures for Farm Stay Units.

e. Providing on-ground support to farmers/applicants for compliance, documentation, and implementation.

f. Enabling effective ground-level execution of the policy across districts.

g. Conducting workshops and sensitization programmes at the State, District, and Block levels.

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h. Capturing and documenting success stories and best practices for dissemination and policy improvement.

i. Monitoring field-level progress and preparing periodic status reports for review by the Department.

j. Developing communication material, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), Knowledge Collaterals, IEC activities, FAQs, and guidance notes for applicants and stakeholders.

k. The Government shall establish a dedicated Grievance Redressal Mechanism for matters arising under the Farm Stay Policy, including inter alia, operational, regulatory, and facilitation-related issues.

l. A Facilitation Cell shall serve as the nodal authority for receiving, processing, and resolving grievances pertaining to Farm Stay Units.

7.2 Monitoring

i. Registered Farm Stay Units shall at all times comply with the standards prescribed under this Policy.

ii. ☐Owners of registered Farm Stay Units shall submit monthly guest-count reports online in the prescribed proforma.

iii. ☐Each unit shall maintain a Visitor's Book with guest remarks at the reception.

iv. The Farm Stay unit shall mandatorily report the data of all foreign travellers through Form C on a real-time basis, to record the arrival and stay of foreign guestswith the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) within 24 hours, as per applicable law.

v. The Farm Stay unit shall also comply with all other monitoring and reporting compliances that may become applicable from time to time as per the prevailing laws.

7.3 Appeal

i. Any appeal arising out of, or in relation to, any provision, decision, action, or interpretation made under this Policy shall lie exclusively before the Director, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs, Government of Punjab.

ii. Such appeal shall be submitted in writing, stating clearly the grounds of challenge, along with all supporting documents, within the prescribed time period as may be notified by the Department from time to time.

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iii. The decision of the Director on such appeal may be further challenged before the Administrative Secretary; Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs and the decision of the Administrative Secretary shall be final and binding.

8. Operational Guidelines

In pursuance of Clause 7 (iii) of the Farm Stay Policy, 2026, and with a view to strengthen the farm stay ecosystem, ensuring uniformity in processes, and to facilitate smooth and effective implementation of the Policy, the following Operational Guidelines are as below.

8.1 Registration process

8.1.1. Every Farm Stay Unit shall mandatorily be registered through theFastTrack Punjab Portal of the Government of Punjab.

8.1.2. The applicant shall submit an application for Registration of the Farm Stay in Form-I, as prescribed under Clause8.2 of the Policy, to the Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs, Government of Punjab.

8.1.3. The application shall be submitted online along with all requisite documents specified under Clause 8.3 of thePolicy.

8.1.4. The District Level Nodal Officer shall undertake a preliminary scrutiny of the Application to verify the completeness and correctness of the information furnished and the documents uploaded, as required under Clause 8.3 of the Policy.

8.1.5. Upon receipt of the complete Application along with all supporting documents, within Five (5) working days, the Application shall be forwarded to the Designated Officer appointed by the Director of Tourism & Cultural Affairs, Punjab.

8.1.6. The Designated Officer shall undertake verification of all documents submitted, including but not limited to land ownership or lease records, identity proofs of the owner(s), and all approvals, clearances, or No Objection Certificates (if applicable) required under the Policy.

8.1.7. Upon successful verification of documents, a site inspection shall be undertaken by the Designated Officer authorised by the Director of Tourism & Cultural Affairs. The purpose of the inspection shall be to assess compliance with the following requirements:

i. Permissible construction parameters as prescribed under the clause 3.2 (ii) of the Policy;

ii. Minimum infrastructure requirements stipulated under the clause 3.2 (iii) & (iv) of the policy.

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iii. Applicable safety and hygiene norms as FSSAI.

iv. Waste management systems and practices as mandated under the clause 4.6 of the policy.

v. Basic amenities, service readiness, and operational preparedness of the unit as per clause 8.4 of thePolicy.

vi. Any other provisions, as required to be provided under the Applicable Laws, for setting up a Farm Stay and has not been stipulated under the Policy or the Guidelines, as the case may be.

8.1.8. The Designated Officer shall submit a detailed Inspection Report to the Director of Tourism & Cultural Affairs, Punjab within Eleven (11) working days from the date of the application received from the District level officer.

8.1.9. Upon receipt of the Inspection Report, the Director of Tourism & Cultural Affairs or an officer authorised by him/her shall scrutinise the findings and assess whether the proposed Farm Stay meets the minimum eligibility conditions and compliance requirements prescribed under the Policy.

8.1.10. In case any deficiencies, non-compliances, or shortfalls are identified during scrutiny of the Inspection Report or the submitted documents, the Department shall issue a written intimation/notice to the Applicant, specifying the deficiencies and granting a period of 15 (Fifteen) working days for rectification and re-submission of the requisite documents or compliance evidence. If no written intimation/ notice is received by the Applicant, within the stipulated time period, then the documents as submitted by the Applicant may be considered as approved by the Department.

8.1.11. Where deficiencies pertain to physical infrastructure, construction norms, safety systems, or amenities, the Department may undertake a re-inspection of the premises. The re-inspection shall be completed within 5 (five) working days from the date of submission of compliance by the Applicant.

8.1.12. Upon satisfactory compliance with all requirements, the Designated Officer shall submit a formal recommendation to the Director of Tourism & Cultural Affairs for grant of Registration to the Farm Stay.

8.1.13. Based on the recommendation received, the Director of Tourism & Cultural Affairs shall issue the Certificate of Registration to the Applicant within five (5) working days, subject to the Applicant's adherence to all mandatory conditions of the Policy.

8.1.14. The registration granted to a Farm Stay shall remain valid for a period of 5 (Five) years from the date of issuance, unless suspended or cancelled under the provisions of the Policy.

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8.1.15. Every registered Farm Stay shall display the Certificate of Registration at a prominent location within the premises accessible to guests and inspecting authorities.

8.1.16. Any Applicant aggrieved by rejection, withholding, or cancellation of Registration may file an appeal before the Appellate Authority designated under the Policy within Thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such order.

8.2 Form -I

8.2.1. Whether your land is under:

a	De-listed area	List of the area (pdf) as per government notification with definition
b	Notified under the Punjab Land Preservation Act, 1900	List of the area (pdf) as per government notification with definition
c	Neither of the above	

Note: Where the Applicant selects option (a) or (b), the applicant shall mandatorily submit the requisite No Objection Certificate (NOC) / approval from the concerned authority, as prescribed under Clause 3.1(iv) and Clause 3.1(v) of the policy. Only upon submission of the said NOC / approval shall the applicant be permitted to proceed with the application form.

8.2.2. Applicant details

Name of the Applicant	
Name of the Co-Owner, if any	
Father's Name/ Husband's Name	
Residential Address	
Mobile Number	
Email ID	
Aadhaar/Photo ID Proof Number	
Photo of applicant	

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8.2.3. Farm Stay Details

Name of the Farm Stay	
Is existing premises or new stand alone ?	
Complete Address with Khasra/ Khewat/ Khatauni Details	
GPS coordinates	
FSSAI registration number	
Total Land Area (in acres)	
Total number of lettable rooms	
Total number of beds	
Experiential activities	Drop down as per policy
Additional facilities available, if any	
Is owner(s) or family residing in the farm stay premises?	Yes/ No

8.2.4. Declaration

I hereby declare and affirm as under:

I. That the information furnished by me in this application and in all supporting documents is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

II. That the unit mentioned in this application is not under any dispute or litigation.

III. That the construction of the building proposed for the Farm Stay is structurally safe.

IV. That I shall inform the Department, within seven (7) days of any change in ownership, infrastructure, or any other change falling within the purview of the Policy and Guidelines pertaining to the said Unit.

V. That I understand that concealment, misrepresentation, or furnishing of false information shall render my application liable for rejection and may invite action under applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

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VI. That I understand that if at any time I am found to have violated any terms and conditions of the policy, my registration is liable to be cancelled without any prior notice.

VII. That I undertake to provide all possible medical and transportation facilities to guests/tourists in case of any medical emergency.

VIII. That no criminal case is pending against me.

IX. That I further undertake to abide by all terms, conditions, and instructions prescribed by the Department from time to time.

a.	Place	
b.	Date	
c.	I Agree, (Radio Button)	

8.3 Document checklist at time of registration

8.3.1. Government-issued Photo ID (Aadhaar / Passport / Voter ID / Driving Licence).

8.3.2. Passport-size photograph (recent, colour)

8.3.3. Proof of current residential address (Electricity Bill / Water Bill / Ration Card)

8.3.4. Proof of Joint Ownership or Legal Shareholding (if property is co-owned)

8.3.5. Self-certification related to Environmental Protection & waste management as prescribed under clause 8.6 of the Policy.

8.3.6. Ownership Proof– Registry / Sale Deed / Gift Deed / Mutation Certificate.

8.3.7. Latest Jamabandi / Fard (not older than three months).

8.3.8. Layout Plan / Site Map of the premises, audited from architect with sign & seal on each page.

8.3.9. Recent legible photographs of the farm stay unit (Exterior, Interior, Farm Area, approach passage, showcasing experiential activities or any other relevant)

8.3.10. FSSAI registration license

8.3.11. Change of Land Use permission, wherever applicable.

8.3.12. In case of a Co-Ownership (if any), all identity proofs, NOC, ownership, and legally relevant documents.

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8.4 Amenities and Service readiness

8.4.1. The Farm Stay unit shall ensure that all rooms are maintained in a clean, sanitary, and habitable condition at all times.

8.4.2. Safe, potable, and regularly tested drinking water shall be made available for guest use.

8.4.3. All washrooms and sanitary facilities shall remain functional, hygienic, and adequately supplied with water.

8.4.4. Continuous electricity supply, along with appropriate backup arrangements, shall be maintained to ensure uninterrupted guest services.

8.4.5. Essential fire-fighting equipment and emergency response measures shall be installed and kept in fully operational condition.

8.4.6. A properly stocked first-aid kit shall be maintained within the premises and kept accessible to guests and staff.

8.4.7. Clean bedding, linen, and towels shall be provided to each guest and replaced as per hygiene requirements.

8.4.8. All access routes, pathways, and movement areas within the property shall be safe, unobstructed, and adequately illuminated.

8.4.9. Basic hospitality and guest-support services shall be ensured to facilitate a smooth stay, including assistance during check-in and service responsiveness.

8.4.10. Any farm-based experiential activities offered to guests shall be conducted safely and supervised appropriately.

8.4.11. Kitchen, food handling, and food preparation areas shall adhere to standard hygiene, safety, and cleanliness protocols.

8.4.12. Emergency contact numbers and relevant helpline information shall be displayed prominently.

8.4.13. Adequate and secure parking arrangements shall be provided for vehicles of guests visiting or residing at the Farm Stay.

8.4.14. The premises, including surrounding open areas and farm zones, shall be maintained in a clean, orderly, and environmentally responsible manner.

8.5 Renewal Process

8.5.1 Every Farm Stay Unit shall mandatorily renew the registration through the FastTrack Punjab Portalof the Government of Punjab.

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8.5.2 The applicant shall apply for renewal at least Sixty days prior to expiry of the current registration.

8.5.3 Renewal shall be granted after verification of continued compliance with Policy and guidelines after submission of self-certification prescribed under the clause 8.5.4 of the Policy.

8.5.4 **SELF-CERTIFICATION**

I/we, _____ (Name), S/o / D/o / W/o _____,Owner (s) of the Farm Stay unit_____, located at (complete address with Khasra/Khewat/Khatoni details), do hereby solemnly affirm and certify the following for the purpose of renewal of registration under the Farm Stay Policy, 2026:

1. That the Farm Stay continues to operate at the same location as originally registered and no change has been made in land use except as permitted under applicable laws.
2. That all mandatory documents, including ownership records, identity proofs of owner (s), land details, safety compliances, and other certificates, remain valid, true, and unchanged, or have been updated and submitted wherever applicable.
3. That the Farm Stay unit complies with all standards and conditions prescribed under the Farm Stay Policy and guidelines, including cleanliness, hygiene, safety, and service-related parameters.
4. That the unit is compliant with environmental, waste-management, and pollution-related norms, including proper disposal of solid waste, management of black/grey water, and non-usage of any hazardous or prohibited materials.
5. That the unit has not been involved in any illegal, unlawful, or non-permissible activity and shall continue to adhere to the policy, guidelines, and directions issued by the Department from time to time.
6. That no unauthorized construction or structural modification has been carried out on the premises without requisite approvals.
7. That all information furnished by me for renewal is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge, and nothing has been concealed.
8. That I understand that any false information, misrepresentation, or concealment of facts shall render the registration liable for suspension, cancellation, or legal action as per applicable laws.

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I hereby request renewal of the registration of my Farm Stay unit for the prescribed period and undertake to abide by all conditions and directions issued by the Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs, Government of Punjab.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Farm Stay Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / _____

8.6 Self-certification as per clause 4.6 of the policy

<Self-certification to be submitted at time of registration & renewal as per policy on non-judicial stamp paper>

I/We, _____, as the owner(s) of the _____ Farm Stay, located at the complete address: _____, do hereby self-certify and solemnly affirm that:

1. I/We comply with all applicable norms, guidelines, and requirements related to environmental protection, prevention of environmental degradation, solid waste management, liquid waste/black water disposal, and hazardous waste handling, as prescribed under the clause 4.6 of the policy and relevant laws, rules, regulations applicable.
2. I/We ensure that no activity undertaken at the farm stay causes harm to the environment, natural resources, water bodies, soil quality, wildlife, vegetation, and surrounding ecology.
3. I/We maintain proper systems for waste segregation, disposal, composting, wastewater treatment, and overall waste management in accordance with prescribed under the clause 4.6 of the policy and relevant law.
4. In case of any lapse, violation, or non-compliance, the concerned authority shall be fully competent to take action as per applicable law, rule, and regulation.
5. If any complaint is raised regarding environmental degradation, pollution, waste mismanagement, or any related matter, I/We shall co-operate fully with the concerned authorities for inspection, verification, and any follow-up action.
6. The information furnished above is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge, and I/We accept full responsibility for compliance.

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Name of Owner (s): _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____
Place: _____

8.7 Report Performa

8.7.1. Basic details

Month	
Year	
Name of the Farm Stay Unit	
Address	
Name of the District with District Code	
Telephone Number	
No. of Lettable rooms	
Total Number of Beds	
Name of the Contact Person	
Contact no.	
Email ID	

8.7.2. Number of Room-Nights Occupied for the month stated above

Foreign Tourists	
Domestic Tourists	

8.7.3. Particulars to be Submitted by the Owner

Sr. No.	Month	No. of Foreign Tourist Checked-in	No. of Foreign Tourist Checked-in	Occupancy*	Employment Generated

**Total number of days the unit remained booked*

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8.8 Electricity Connection Process

As per the Clause 4.1.2 (ii) of the Policy, the Farm Stay unit shall apply for the electricity connection under Domestic Supply (DS) category. The process to be followed is as under:

8.8.1 **Create account & apply online:** - Visit the PSPCL website, create/login to your account, and select "New Connection / Load Extension" to start the application.

8.8.2 **Fill the Application & Agreement Form (A&A Form):** - Applicants shall enter all required details in the application form. Aadhaar e-KYC may be used wherever applicable; alternatively, the form may be completed manually. The Application & Agreement (A&A) Form is available free of cost at the concerned Sub-Division. It may also be downloaded from the PSPCL website under the "Information Center" tab →"Download Forms" or directly from: https://pspcl.in/download-forms.aspx

8.8.3 **Upload required documents:** - Upload your photo, signature, ID proof, address proof, and any other required documents. The following documents are required –

S. No.	Load	Documents Required
1.	Up to 20 kW	i. A&A Form (which is available in Sub-Division at free of cost) ii. Identity Proof (any one of these):-(Voter Card /Aadhaar Card/ Passport/ Driving License/ Photo Identity issued by Govt). iii. Passport size Photograph
2.	Above 20 kW	i. A&A Form (which is Available in Sub-Division at free of cost) ii. Identity Proof (any one of these): - (Voter Card /Aadhaar Card/ Passport/ Driving License/ Photo Identity issued by Govt). iii. Passport size Photograph iv. Additional document:-Proof of Ownership (any one of these) - Copy of sale deed or lease deed or rentdeed, Certificate from panchayat showingownership of premises within phirni/lallakirof village, Registered General Power ofAttorney, Municipal tax receipt or

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S. No.	Load	Documents Required
		demandnotice or any other related document, Letterof allotment with possession letter. v. Wiring Contractor's Test Report

8.8.4 **Make the required payments:** - Pay Processing Fee, Security (Miniature Circuit Breaker (MCB), meter & consumption), & Service Connection Charges (SCC) through online mode or RTGS/NEFT. After payment, the form gets locked.

8.8.5 **Track Application & Submit Corrections (if required):** - Check application status regularly. If "Back Referred" or "Additional Document Required," upload the corrected document(s) promptly.

8.8.6 **Upload Test Report (if applicable) & get connection released:** - After approval, upload the Test Report. If accepted, PSPCL releases the connection. If rejected, re-submit the corrected report.

8.8.7 The Farm Stay Unit may also utilise the existing domestic electricity connection for its operations, subject to adherence to the sanctioned load parameters and any additional load requirements as prescribed under the applicable regulations.

8.8.8 The Farm Stay Unit shall comply with the technical, safety and procedural norms issued, revised or notified from time to time by the Competent Authority. Any deviation from the prescribed load conditions or non-compliance with the directions of the Competent Authority shall render the Farm Stay Unit liable for action as per the relevant laws and regulations.

8.8.9 The above procedure has been incorporated solely to facilitate the establishment and operation of Farm Stay Units. The procedure, as outlined herein, may be amended, modified, or updated by the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) from time to time, as deemed appropriate. Any such amendments or updates issued by PSPCL shall prevail and be deemed to form an integral part of this framework.

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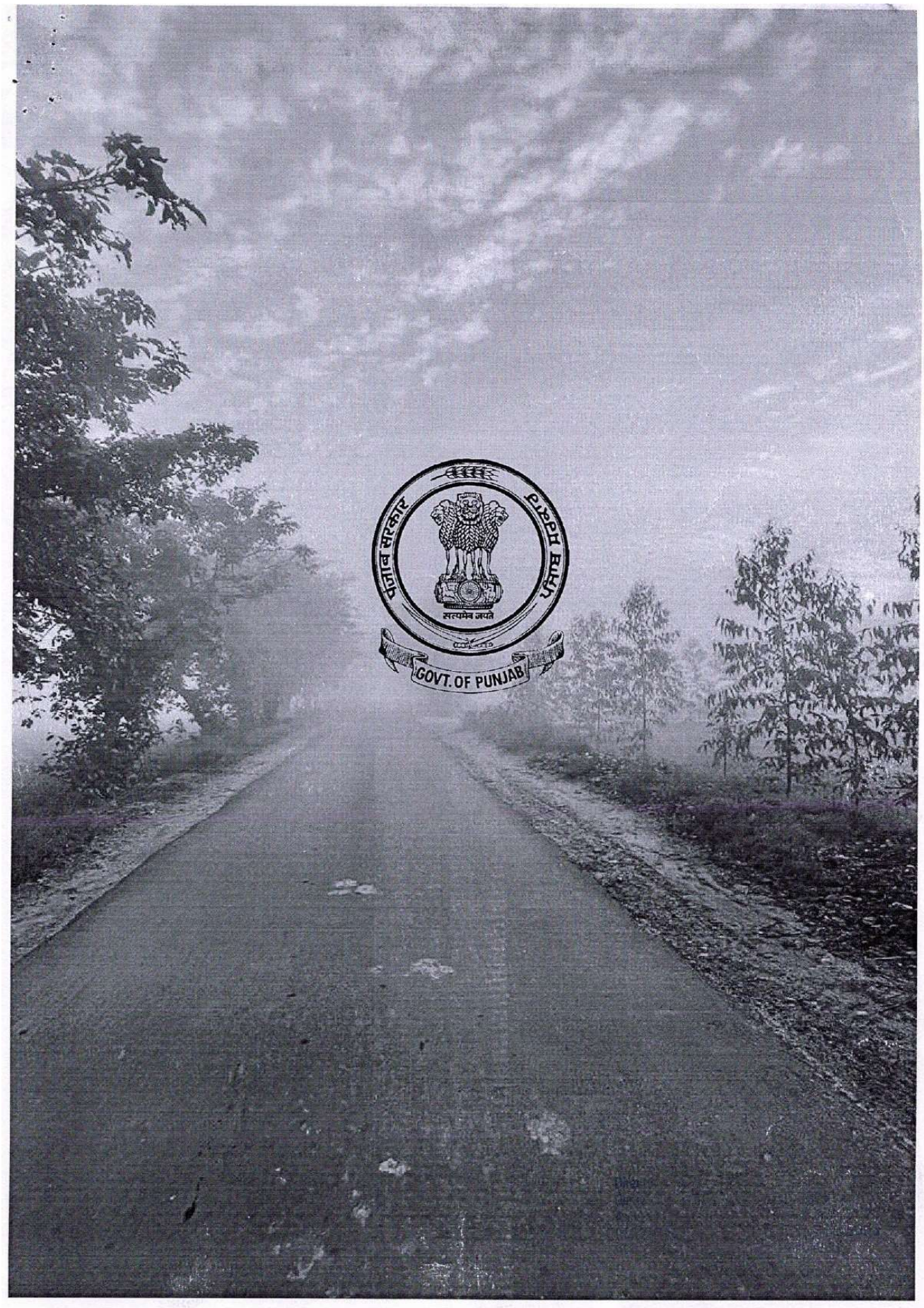
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